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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT

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1. RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (IAAFE) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO SINGLE OUT ORINOCO BRIDGE FROM LARGE TURNKEY PACKAGE BECAUSE OF LONG DESIGN TIME INVOLVED, BECAUSE OF MAGNITUDE OF BRIDGE AND BECAUSE IT REALIZED THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT COMPANIES EXPERIENCED IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION WOULD ALSO BE EXPERIENCED IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A LARGE BRIDGE.

2. POLICY REGARDING OTHER PHASES OF INITIAL PROJECT HAS NOT CHANGED. RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION STILL INTENDS TO GO THROGH EMBASSIES FOR INITIAL PREQUALIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT. DELAY HAS BEEN DUE TO TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES STILL IN PROCESS OF BEING COMPLETED AND CONGRESSIONAL DELAY IN PASSING PUBLIC FINANCING LAW, NOW EXPECTED FOR SECOND HALF OF JANUARY.

3. FERROCARRILES NACIONALES, FORMER TERM FOR CERTAIN RAILROADS OPERATED IN VENEZUELA, WAS ABSORBED BY IAAFE YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, TERM STILL BEING USED BECAUSE OF AWKWARD COMPLETE NAME OF EAAFE, I.E. BOTH TERMS REFER TO SAME ORGANIZATION.
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